

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

- 1) *Please insert the following beginning at line 2, after the title, on page 1 of the specification.*

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

The present patent application claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) and 35 U.S.C. §365 of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012586, filed on 6 November 2004, which was published in German as International Patent Publication No. WO 2005/049190 A2 on 2 June 2005, which is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Application No. DE 103 53 534.9 filed on 14 November 2003.

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- 2) *Please insert the following addition after the final paragraph on page 12 and before the first paragraph beginning on page 9 of the specification the following:*

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The present invention is described with reference to specific details and examples of particular embodiments thereof. It is not intended that such details and examples be regarded as limitations upon the scope of the invention except insofar as and to the extent that they are included in the accompanying claims.

As used in this specification and the appended claims, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" include plural referents unless the content clearly dictates otherwise.

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3) Please amend line 1 of page 23 of the specification as follows:

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Patent claims CLAIMS:

What is claimed is

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